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of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic voting system standards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, with limited exceptions, every municipality with a population of 7,500 or more must use voting machines or an electronic voting system at all primaries and other elections held in the municipality. Either mechanical or electronic voting machines may be used. No electronic voting system, including an electronic voting machine, may be used unless the system meets statutory standards and is approved by the State Elections Board for use at elections held in this state. The system must enable an elector to privately verify the votes selected by the elector before casting his or her ballot. All electronic voting systems must be tested publicly before each election to determine if they are functioning properly. If voting machines are used, ballots need not be printed and distributed to electors, but if electronic voting machines are used, the machines must maintain a cumulative tally of votes cast that is retrievable in the event of a power outage, evacuation, or malfunction so that the record of the votes cast prior to the time that the problem occurs is preserved, and the machines must produce a permanent paper of record of the vote cast by each elector at the time that it is cast that enables a manual count or recount of the elector's vote.

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For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 5.84 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

5.84 (title) Testing of equipment; custody of requirements for programs and ballots.

SECTION **2.** 5.84 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

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8	this subsection.
9	Section 6. Effective date.
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